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Copies of the listed documents are attached. Documents included in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) were cited by the Patent Office of the European Patent Office in a Search Report dated January 21, 2005. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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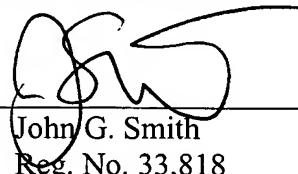
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		EP 1187110 A1	03/13/2002	Europe			<u>NO</u>
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